Hemel Hempstead District Cub Leaders Meeting

Hobbs Hill Wood School

Monday 2nd January 2025

The evening started with a presentation of the new Scout management system, training, logins etc etc. It was also made clear that from this point onwards all nights away events will be run through, and authorised through this tool. Everyone should have had an invitation to log in to this system. On first access the most important thing is to ensure that all of your details are correct.

Cub Section Meeting.

Present:

Phil McLachlan 1st Kings Langley

Lorna Glass 1st Bennetts End

Steve Winter 1st Bovingdon

Rob Hillier 1st Bovingdon

Chris Tucker 1st Gadebridge

Nickie Davies 1st Hemel

Marc Jevon 4th Boxmoor

David Eder 4th Boxmoor

Toby Gilden 1st Gadebridge

Matt Cannon 2nd Hemel

Sue Downham 1st Kings Langley

Richard Haynes 1st Leverstock Green

Andy Glass District

**Events since last meeting**:

1. Cub Badge Day 2024. (Artist) Sunday 24th November. Hobbs Hill Wood School
   1. Feedback was overall positive. There was again a conversation as to the rota of these badges days, but it was again reiterated that we would do Artist, Scientist and Astronomer in turn. There have been resources bought for these, and unless there is a definite groundswell of opinion otherwise the intention was noted to continue with this rota.
2. Cub Christmas Event 2024. Sunday 15th December, Hobbs Hill Wood.
   1. Positive feedback again about Colonel Custard and Santas Grotto. Andy brought up the transition between Beaver and Cub parties as this had been raised by Beaver Leaders as an area where improvement might be possible. We do need to consider how we manage this on future events as there is a large number of children being dropped off and collected simultaneously. It may be worth considering possibly putting a time gap between the events .

**Action: Andy to find out if there is any cost penalty to putting a time gap between the Colonel Custard sets for Beavers and Cubs.**

**Action: Andy to check with Beaver Leaders that they are ok with Colonel Custard again in 2026 (13th December). Provided they agree to have deposit paid to confirm this date.**

**Future events:**

1. Swimming event 2025.
   1. Booking in place for Saturday February 1st. Cub sections please to confirm to Jane Harding if they will be participating in this event to ensure appropriate numbers of heats are allocated.
2. St Georges Day event:
   1. Sunday 27th April at Phasels. Detail to be supplied as available as to the format this event will take,
3. District Cyclist Day. Sunday 18th May 2025.
   1. Simon has confirmed this date with Phasels. There is a conflict on this date with a bushcraft activity which I have discussed with John Larkin. We shall ensure that cycle routes do not impinge on this activity.

It was discussed and agreed that this will require Cubs bringing their own bikes and that helmets would be mandatory.

**Outstanding Action: Andy, David and Harry to get together to assess suitability and routes for this event provided site is available.**

**Action: Richard to supply previously used County risk assessments etc for this event to ease planning. Richard also to confirm possible availability of previously used County resources for agility aspect.**

**Action: Andy to confirm through Michelle Woodhall if this is an event that DENS would support us with re bike maintenance.**

1. 2026 District Cub Camp/CUBJAM
   1. Andy advised that detail supposedly forthcoming from Phasels re Cubjam has yet to be received. He has chased for that and will share with Cub Section Leaders soonest possible. This info will also be shared with Beaver Leaders through Rob Rivers to ensure those Beavers who might be applicable also get this information. It was noted however that a decision on what we wish to do in this regard in 2026 will need to be decided at the next District Leaders meeting.

**Outstanding Action:** **Phil, Nickie, David and Simon agreed to do some high-level planning to present back to this group at next Leaders meeting for a potential District Cub Camp in 2026.**

**Action: Andy to chase Phasels for Cubjam information.** (Cubjam booklet is now on Phasels website and can be found at [f56d10\_9a2257e89e2c4b8991f30b009168b672.pdf](https://www.phaselswood.org.uk/_files/ugd/f56d10_9a2257e89e2c4b8991f30b009168b672.pdf)

Dates are 23rd/29th May 2026 and camp is priced at £230 per Cub)

1. Cub Badge Day 2025 (Scientist). Sunday 23rd November at Hobbs Hill Wood School.
   1. **Action: Andy to ensure this date is booked with HHW School.**
2. Christmas 2025:
   1. Discussion took place around use of Boxmoor Playhouse for a pantomime. David Eder is involved with the Playhouse and will revert with dates, availability and costs as soon as practical to share with Leaders. Panto this year is Robin Hood/Babes In The Wood. Advice was that a show could cater for 200 attendees. It was felt with these numbers that one show for Beaver and one for Cubs should be possible to fill. Suggestion was priorities tickets for sale to members, and if the 200 was not filled to open booking to family of the members. It was also requested that a proposal to start earlier than normal show times should be considered to ensure our young audience is catered for and finish time is not too late.

**Action: David Eder to confirm potential dates, costs and timelines by which bookings would be required. Also to confirm level of deposit that would be required to get two dedicated performances.**

**Action: Andy to confirm if Beavers are interested in participating.**

1. County Dates
   1. County Cub Bushcraft Day. 15th March at Tolmers
   2. County Cub Water Activities Day. 8th June at Essa. This is bookable directly by parents and need not be booked through Packs, parents are responsible for delivery/collection and support on this activity.
   3. Cubs In Tents. 4/6 July at Well End. This is a step on from the County Beavers In Tents events which have run for the last couple of years. This event is organised and run by County Team, all activities and laid on and the event is catered. Packs need only bring their own camping equipment. Should anyone wish to assist with this or any other County Events, please contact Richard Haynes in the first instance.
   4. Details as ever are available from the County website. [Hertfordshire Scouts | United Kingdom](https://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/)
2. AOB.
   1. Andy raised a point in relation to the current District booking system. He acknowledged that it might not be perfect, but that feedback if concerns arise should be supplied to allow us to make efforts to rectify issues. The point that Leaders details overwrite the first child participant was noted again. He also stressed that whilst it may nor be perfect, it is the system we currently use and should be completed for all activity bookings.
   2. Andy also noted that we would continue to use Young Leaders to support Cub Section events. That said it is important that they are engaged early and arrive at events in a timely manner to ensure they can be fully briefed and therefore better able to support as required, and benefit from any learnings which they should be able to gain.
   3. Chris Tucker from 1st Gadebridge mentioned a bushcraft event they will be running on 22nd February 2025. She suggested that participation by other groups would be possible.
   4. Steve Winter from 1st Bovingdon talked about a camp at Gullivers land in Milton Keynes, This is due to take place this year 21st/22nd June. Contact for more detail is [laura.burgess@gulliversfun.co.uk](mailto:laura.burgess@gulliversfun.co.uk)
   5. DENS sleepout was noted as having taken place in November 2024. This event raised over £30,000 for charity and several Cub Packs took part. It takes place at different schools around Hemel and is an opportunity for young people to experience sleeping outdoors under cardboard.

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